IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMAR OFFICE Atty Dkt. 36-1148 In re Patent Application of M# C# Group Art Unit: O'BRIEN et al 2163 Examiner: Robinson, A. Serial No. 09/043,406 Date: February 4, 2002 (Monday) Filed: 18 March 1998 (February 3=Sunday) SERVICE PROVISION SYSTEM FOR Title: USE IN DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING ENVIRONMENTS Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 16 minus highest number previously paid for \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00 57 (at least 20) =Х 8 Independent claims after amendment minus highest number \$ 84.00 0.00 previously paid for 22 (at least 3) =0 X If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) \$ 0.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months) \$ 920.00 \$ 0.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 \$ 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$740.00) Please enter the previously unentered . filed Submission attached Subtotal \$ 920.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract 0.00 -\$ Applicant claims "small entity" status. Statement filed herewith Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee (\$180.00) 0.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) \$ 0.00 0.00 Other: **TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$** 920.00 The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached. 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 3, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. A Notice of Appeal is attached hereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 49 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows.

46. A service provision method for use in distributed (Amended)

processing environments, said method comprising:

receiving a service request;

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